
MISSISSIPPI TRIP MEMORANDUM

TO: RYAN JACKSON
FROM: OPE
SUBJECT: MISSISSIPPI
DATE: MAY 31, 2018

Attire: Business

Participants:
Administrator Pruitt

Agenda

Thursday, May 31

EVENT 1

Lunch with Delta Council Leadership and Delta F.A.R.M. Leadership

Location: Commissary Circle Road, Clarksdale, MS 38614

EVENT 2

Grant Announcement at Hopson Commissary

Location: Commissary Circle Road, Clarksdale, MS 38614

Run of Show: RA Trey Glenn delivers brief remarks
Owner of Hopson Commissary introduces the Administrator
The Administrator delivers brief remarks
The Administrator presents B.F. Smith Foundation with a check
The Administrator presents the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship with a check
The Administrator partakes in a photo opportunity
The Grant Announcement event concludes

Attendees: Governor Phil Bryant
Trey Glenn, Region 4 Administrator
Brandi Jenkins, Special Assistant to the Administrator, Region 4
Blake Ashbee, Chief of Staff, EPA Region 4
Davina Marraccini, Government Liaison, EPA Region 4

Dan Branton, Chairman, Delta F.A.R.M.
 Chad Brock, Retailer, Seed Sales
 Andy Brown, MS Farm Bureau Federation
 Dan Campbell, Delta F.A.R.M. Sponsor
 Woods Eastland, Incoming President, Delta Council
 Bowen Flowers, Delta Council Executive Member
 Dick Flowers, Omega Planting Company
 Mattson Flowers, Prairie Farms
 Scott Flowers, Mattson Farms
 Donald Gant, Gant and Sons Farms
 Andy Gipson, Commissioner, MS Department of Ag and Commerce
 Michael Harper, Southern Crops. FMC Corporation
 Tripp Hayes, Ellendale Land Company
 Cliff Heaton, Bobo Moseley Gin Company
 Pete Hunter, Stovall Farms II
 Gene Hurt, Seed and Crop Protection Materials
 Patrick Johnson, Chairman, National Cotton Council, Environmental Task Force
 Matt Lechtenberg, Water Quality Initiative Coordinator, Iowa Department of Ag & Land Stewardship
 Michael Ledlow, Director of Bureau of Plant Industry, MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce
 Chris McDonald, Director of Environmental Affairs, MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce
 Julie McLemore, Deputy Commissioner, MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce
 Troy Pierce, Senior Scientist, GOMP
 Lakeisha Robertson, Acting Director, GOMP
 John Rounsaville, State Director, USDA – Rural Development
 Doug Rushing, Monsanto, Director, Southern Crops.
 Jeff Smith, Industry Affairs Manager, Southern Crops, Valent
 Reed Trusty, Local Seed Company
 Will Weathers, Farmers Grain Terminal, Delta F.A.R.M. Sponsor
 Danny Wiegand, Environmental Engineer, GOMP Program
 Jack Winstead, Chairman, Commission on Environmental Quality

EVENT 3

Pollinator Health and Water Quality Project Tour

Location: Big River Farms

Run of Show: Don Branton welcomes attendees and delivers a brief introduction
 Dr. Jeff Gore and Dr. Jeff Harris give an overview of pollinator issues in agricultural systems
 Trey Cooke and Dan Prevost give an overview of water quality projects in agricultural systems

Dan Branton moderates a discussion about pollinator issues and water quality projects in agricultural systems

Attendees: Dan Branton, Chairman, Delta F.A.R.M.
Dr. Jeff Gore, Entomologist, Mississippi State University
Dr. Jeff Harris, Apiologist, MS Department of Ag. and Commerce
Trey Cooke, Staff, Delta F.A.R.M.
Dan Prevost, Staff, Delta F.A.R.M.

EVENT 4

Delta Council Reception

Note: Glenn McCollough will be in attendance. He is the Mississippi's Chief Economic Developer. Mandy Gunasekara's dad works for him, and Mandy thought he would be a great person to meet.

Location: 433 Stoneville Road, Leland, MS 38756

Background: With headquarters at Stoneville, Mississippi, Delta Council is supported and financed by dues-paying members and by counties it represents. Board of Directors are elected by a referendum vote of the members representing the counties and municipalities of the area. Officers, including a president, a minimum of four vice presidents, and a treasurer are nominated by a nominating committee. Their nomination is ratified by the Board of Directors and by the membership of the organization. The staff of Delta Council is hired by the Executive Committee and serves at the pleasure of that committee.

Since 1957, the program of work of Delta Council has included a full-time economic and industrial development department. This department, in conjunction with various State, area, and local developmental efforts, strives to help create new job opportunities and attract investments into the area. Delta Council supports partnership growth for the progressive development and enhancement of the entire Delta Region.

Draft Conceptual Talking Points
Meeting with Mississippi Delta Council
May 31, 2018

Gulf of Mexico Program

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Backwater Pumps

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Section 319 Grants

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Waste Water Discharge Standards

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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